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#### Prejudice and Ignorance.

PREJUDICE and ignorance are the barricades which shut out the light from whatever direction it may focalize. The one idead man who builds around himself an incasement impregnable to the light of scientific truths that are all about him, is of all creatures the most to be pitied. We find them in all the walks of life. In the pulpit, in the medical profession, among farmers, mechanics, engineers, editors, managers of corporations. These are the stumbling blocks strewn along the highways of progress.

In these cases each individual feels that he is privileged with knowledge beyond all others of the human family, that for some good reason the knowledge which he possesses encompasses all that is to be known and he spurns a contact with any rational idea not born within his infinitesimal anatomy. We all know this type of humanity. The love of his fellow beings cannot be his, because he is so filled with egotism and prejudice against them because they do not look at life and all creation from his point of view. Prejudice crystalizes the sensibilities of body, mind and soul. For the sake of the betterment of all earth conditions should the prejudiced mind think for a few minutes each day upon the attribute of the soul, called love, and the mental rights of others.

These people are like the fish. Could you make a fish believe that there is any life beside his own? No Sir. No life could exist outside of his watery element. He would argue: It is preposterous to suppose that any expressions of life could exist by breathing the air, and the fish would have the better of the argument from his point of view. Not only would this be true, but he would say; "Have I not the right to eat the little fishes that come in my way? No, get away with your nonsense, I am a big fish, I know whereof I speak."

Come friends! let us arise from our fish-like state, shed our scales, breathe the glorious air around us, and open our minds to the possibilities of the attainment of knowledge and wisdom all about us.

By all means continue sending me The Stellar Ray, as I would not miss one publication for many dollars.—L. G. S., Georgetown, Colo.

#### The Benefit of Darkness.

ORNING light brings to the sleeping earth, fruition from repose. The law of darkness is most beneficent. All life obeys the law of relaxation. Life vibrations are less rapid when shielded from the sun's rays; ebb and flow. The night shadows cause the ebb, the daylight the flowing tide of life.

All of .earth's mechanical inventions follow this law.

All engines are formed to recede in order to gain momentum for the expansion or high pressure which produces the required force. When we realize the great power latent in this law, we shall study it more carefully, and understand how to utilize the law of darkness or relaxation for its value as a creator of vital force. Now we strive through all hours until outraged Nature rebels and calls her tired children to rest. As a mother gently leads a rebellious child to its needed repose, so do the beneficent night shadows enfold all nature.

#### A Business Man's Advice to Boys.

Written for the Detroit News-Tribune by Henry Clay Hodges, editor The Stellar Ray.

(Henry C. Hodges, one of Detroit's best known citizens, and who, for many years has been a successful business man, is an inventor of various improvements in machinery, as well as a writer and a publisher of books. He combines mechanical work with studies of a scientific nature, and is especially well-fitted to give a word of advice to boys who are looking forward to a business career, or who desire to enter any of the professions. His suggestion upon "adaptability," to find out first what a boy is naturally qualified for, and then let his studies bear in that direction, is an idea of the utmost practicability, and it is the practical that the boys are looking for, if they mean to become good business men.)—Editor Detroit News-Tribune.

BOYS like to think about what they intend to become when they reach manhood. A key to unlock the future of this all-important matter of each boy's life may be found by answering the queston: What kind of a boy is he today? By that I mean, what is the boy qualified for? Is he a mechanical genius? Is he a booklover? If so, what books interest him? Has he a strong tendency in some line of expression? Everybody has certain adaptabilities for certain positions in life. Doctors, musicians, artists, financiers, inventors are all born, and where they have become a great success they have found, through the great flowing tide of life, the proper current to bear them forward; their work proves to be a pleasure because it is natural to them.

Consequently the first and most important thing for a boy to think about is, what is he qualified for, and then bend all his energies to succeed. His studies should bear upon his vocation in a manner that will give the boy a broad-minded outlook, and at the same time equip him for his special vocation. Not

enough consideration has been given to a boy's fitness for what he undertakes. The boy spends many preparatory years in acquiring a general, desultory education. Upon leaving school or college, his father looks about for a good position for his son, or the boy decides that he will become a civil engineer, an electrician, a banker, a railroad clerk, or street car conductor; not because he is adapted for any of these occupations, but because his father is a railroad man, or the boy has a friend making a success as an electrician, or there is an opening in a bank, and the boy thinks he will try it.

The boy of the coming time will be particular to find out his special adaptability before he takes up any employment, and then he will devote his life and energy to making a success of it. Having taken the pathway of adaptability, the boy who means to succeed will need to cultivate his will power. The will power rightly directed will bear him over mountains of difficulty, and safely through valleys of beguiling temptation. His will force rightly directed will yield him a noble character, without which there is no true success, than which there is nothing to be more desired. The writer has in mind a man whom he has known for many years, who is a resident of this city, is known and loved from Duluth to Buffalo because of his estimable character. He. like John Rockefeller, is nearing the sunset of life. Rockefeller is said to be the richest man of the day, but I would rather possess this man's character than the wealth of a thousand Rockefellers, or the honors of a Julius Cæsar.

The day is coming when a science will be taught in our schools and colleges, which will point unerringly to the lines of endeavor for which the boy is fitted. Then there will be no mistaken endeavors; each boy's chart will point with undeviating exactness to the lines of his best adaptation. Then will successful boys be in the majority, failure the exception.

Have been a very much interested reader of your publication, The Stellar Ray, valuing it more than any other periodical that I read, giving as it does food for thought in a line particularly valuable to a physician.—C. R., M. D., 46 S. Sheldon St., Chicago.

#### Hanging and Electrocution Relics of Barbarism

THE practice of hanging or electrocution exemplifies the old Mosaic law, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, blood for blood, a life for a life. Not so does the Nazarene teach. Two thousand years ago that gentle reformer preached against such barbarity. But still do nations bearing his name on their standards resort to the old-time cruelty. It is a vicious practice and serves no purpose of reform. Murder statistics show no abatement of that crime in states using this method as compared with those which have abolished it.

When will our lawmakers recognize the fact that every act of cruelty committed by the state or an individual is a suggestion to criminal minds to perpetrate deeds of similar import? Heaven speed the day when an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, will not be practiced by a people who have built their religious ideals upon the ethics of the gentle Nazarene.

#### The Law of Destiny.

EVERY child born into this life has marked out for it a destiny for good. If it follows along this line of destiny it will be in harmony with Nature's laws, and its life from beginning to end will be one of health, happiness and success.

But the difficulty lies in the fact that we do not live in accord with Nature's laws, and then we blame destiny, or providence, for our ill health, our unhappiness and our failures. Nature intended every man to live in harmony with her laws, all of which work together for the good of man.

The only destiny ever foreordained to any man is the destiny that will result from an obedience or disobedience to the laws of Nature. Whenever we break one of the least of these laws we are getting off the line of our destiny, and are out of harmony with the laws of our being. Every pain, every worry, every wrong, is the result of a broken law. Nature will not hold him

guiltless who violates her law, but for every side step there is a penalty that we cannot escape.

If we foolishly expose ourselves to the conditions that bring on cold and pneumonia, the pain and discomfort we experience are Nature's method of prodding us back in line with her law.

If we allow anger, hatred or fear entrance into our thoughts, we are but wasting our energies and bringing upon ourselves anguish and suffering. We are out of accord with Nature and we will find no peace, no rest, no happiness, until we banish these malevolent emotions and get into harmony with the law of destiny, which is love, and love is fearless and free from worry or anxiety.

The law is divine and beautiful when rightly understood. Through ignorance we err, through experience we gain knowledge, and with knowledge comes power, and with power comes liberty.

#### Twentieth Century Slavery.

MANCIPATION from slavery has not yet been attained, even in Christian countries. A man, to be sure, may seemingly come and go at will, but his mind is still to be dominated and fettered by what his fellow men think and believe about the immutable laws of the universe and their Great Author. One truth stands out in the world's history, and it is this: Everywhere does an established religion oppose progress. The Church stands for unvielding bigotry, until the tide of progress becomes too strong for her narrow fortifications, and, like the currents of Niagara, sweeps them into oblivion. The Church opposes each ray from the lighthouse of scientific reasoning that is turned upon her mouldy traditions of the past. She has tortured and slain her victims for ages. We need only to glance backward to the day of the gentle Nazarene and follow the bloody trail of the Christian religion to prove our words. character, who taught his followers to worship in tabernacles not made with hands, in silence and solitude, to love the great

All Father, and the neighbor as one's self, to smite not again, to share all things liberally; in the name of this gentle teacher are the pages of history dyed with blood.

Thank heaven the present day will not tolerate bloodshed or burning at the stake. Nevertheless the promulgators of truth found within the palings of the Church, are charged with heresy, and driven from within their fold, simply for daring to express the truth as they see it. So did they to the gentle Nazarene and many of his immediate followers. However, the Church is honeycombed with millions of broad and intelligent minds among whom are many of its ministry who are inspired by the truth of the twentieth century instead of pinning their faith to the mythical seeds planted in the days of Constantine, to-wit the third century.

But the tidal waves of evolution are moving with irreststible force, and the crest of each wave washes away the debris of the dead past and brings humanity out into the fields of broader knowledge and a higher concept of the cosmic forces sent forth by the law of Progress.

Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which flows into you as life, place yourself in the full centre of that flood, then you are without effort impelled to truth, to right and perfect contentment.—*Emerson*.

#### Not an Enemy of the Church.

HE STELLAR RAY does not wish to be understood to be an enemy of the Church. No—far from it. We believe in the Master who lived and taught two thousand years ago, whose teachings have been the beacon light of the world.

The Christ principles are so simple, when stripped of the dogmatic limitations of many of the religious teachers of the past and present. These dogmas hang about the noble truths as a dense fog, obstructing the attainment of the haven so near at

hand. What we do disapprove of is the attitude of the Church toward liberty of thought. The mind of man is the distinguishing mark between himself and the animal, and if mind has not liberty to exercise this God-given power, then what are we but serfs and slaves? In the language of Patrick Henry. "Give me liberty or death."

Let us strive to tear away the musty draperies of ignorance, to throw the searchlight of truth upon the errors of undeveloped reason, ever embuing the truth with the great Spirit of Love that shall teach mankind.

## Money Making as a Means of Higher Development.

F we were machines invented for the purpose of coining money, we should be turning it out, so many dollars per day, and doing it well, too, or not at all.

We are far superior to any automatic invention, but many of us do not succeed in making money well, in fact we can scarcely get enough together to provide for our necessities. We have a proverb that says; "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well." Now if it is worth while to make money, and we all admit that it is, then it is worth doing well.

Well done, is a mark of distinction, everywhere. Well done is not, however, over done. A man who devotes his vital forces exclusively to thought, is an abnormal creature. One who lives to eat is also an abnormal creature, more repulsive than the first. The man who uses all of his time and energy in money making, does not command the respect of his fellowmen.

Hence a business to be well done, should not be over done. It also requires thought force to bring about a successful achievement. Then in the first place it is necessary to apply right thought currents to all business life and see to it that there is an interest in the occupation which includes others beside oneself. It is a magical adjuster of the perspective of business life,

taking others into earnest, fair consideration with ourselves in any form of money making, from the daily wage earning to the operations of the largest enterprises.

When the mind takes the broader and higher view of this department of life, the interest deepens, a new spirit of enterprise is awakened, the standard as to quality is perceptibly raised, business increases, profits accumulate. This is not a theory, it is a scientific fact demonstrated by ages of human experience.

Put your daily occupations upon a plane of interest in others, and an intent to perform them well for the sake of others as well as yourself, and you will gradually experience broader opportunities, more happiness and greater prosperity.

The poorest, most ignorant wage earner in the world, also the educated financier, may thus lift his business life and with it himself to a higher plane of existence. Try it for thirty days and let us hear from you.

#### Nature's Remedies.

OR every ill that may befall the human family, Nature, in her great laboratory, has provided a remedy. There never was a more beneficent parent than Mother Nature. First she set in motion laws for her childern to obey. Laws which if obeyed would give perfect health and harmony in every part of the body. But Nature foresaw that many, through ignorance, would violate her laws, and suffering and sickness would be the unavoidable result. So to meet these conditions, she has caused to grow upon all parts of the earth, herbs and plants for the healing of the sick.

These remedies, if properly used, will help Nature to restore health and harmony to the physical organism. These herbs contain the important constituents for the healing of the human body. They cannot be combined by the hand of man, or put together by the chemist.

Not only has Nature provided these remedies, but she has laid down a law by which the appropriate one may be selected

for any given disease. This law is simple and easy of application. Every child born into this world, is stamped, as it were, by the influence of the planets at the moment of its birth. For instance, if a child is born when the influence of Mars is dominant, it will be liable to the diseases produced by the Mars influence, namely, febrile diseases. Then to overcome and offset the diseases due to the Mars influence, such plants and herbs should be selected as come under the rule and are in affinity with the planet Mars. Or, homeopathically speaking, we would apply the rule similia similibus curantur; that is, selecting for the healing of the discordant influence of Mars those herbs that come as a result of the Mars influence. The Mars influence is fiery, consequence fever.

Or, if a child is born when the influence of Saturn prevails, then for the Saturnian diseases to which it will be liable, a plant or herb coming under the rule of this same planet would be most efficacious in treating the disease. The Saturn influence is cold and congealing.

That which is said above with reference to the influence of Mars and Saturn, is equally true of the other planets. For instance the discordant influences of Mercury affect the vocal organs and the result is stammering, as Mercury controls the tongue and organs of speech. The question is asked: Can these influences be overcome? Most certainly, as is proven by the remedial agents employed in the schools for stammerers.

What is true of the herbs of Mars and Saturn, is also true of those herbs coming under Venus, Jupiter, etc.

It is very important that the physician and surgeon should understand these planetary influences, and we know the time is near at hand when our learned physicians will demand that this science be taught in their medical colleges. While considerable progress has been made in the last few centuries in the knowledge of materia medica, hygiene and surgery, and new remedial agents have been discovered, yet it is still lamentably true that the principles of treatment and their application to the cure of the sick remain empirical and unsatisfactory, and it is

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difficult for the physician to find any rational principle for the treatment of a case.

In fact, the physicians themselves recognize that the practice of medicine is not an exact science, but is largely founded upon conjecture and experiment.

The far distant planets, Urania and Neptune, are now producing a great influence upon mental conditions. Probably two-thirds of the cases in insane asylums are due to the discordant influence of Urania, in particular. If physicians understood the causes back of these disturbed mental conditions a large majority could be restored to health of mind and body.

The medical profession is groping in the dark, eagerly and conscientiously searching to find remedies to alleviate human suffering. We cannot speak too highly of the noble, self-sacrificing army of doctors who spare no pains, hesitate at no hardship, to bring relief to the sick. But what the medical profession needs is to get back to first principles and build up a truly scientific practice. As soon as the physician recognizes that we are each but an epitome of the universe, with bodies so keyed and tuned as to respond to every changing mood of the stellar rays, as soon as the physician recognizes this truth, he will have found the compass that will direct him to a rational and scientific treatment of disease. All hail to the better days coming when the beneficent laws of Nature will be understood.

"Is it inconceivable that intense thought concentrated toward a sensitive with whom the thinker is in close sympathy may induce a telepathic chain of brain-waves, along which the message of thought can go straight to its goal without loss of energy due to distance? And is it also inconceivable that our mundane ideas of space and distance may be superseded in these subtle regions of unsubstantiated thought where "near" and "far" may lose their usual meaning? I dare to suggest this."—Sir Wm. Crookes.

Cultivate the attitude of universal love. This is the solvent which removes all difficulties, all fears, all apparently hostile conditions.—Edward A. Pennock.

#### STELLAR SCIENCE

#### The Sun in Taurus.

We shall now consider the Sun when posited in the sign of Taurus, or the second house. This occurs between April 20th to May 20th. This is most favorable for the acquisiton of wealth and possessions generally. Such may come through business, or through inheritance, or through investments, stocks and shares or public undertakings. If a female she may gain through the husband; the children gain in money or possessions through the parents. It is good for the acquisition of houses or lands and for those whose occupation is connected with these, and with the earthy element generally. It is fortunate for the father. The native is warm-hearted and affectionate, though there is liability to be misled, so as at times to bestow the affections too readily. He is firm, patient and obstinate; is very set upon achieving his end; pursues his object wth great determination, even if it should lead him away from the lawful track. He is ambitious, and desirous of assuming a prominent position. This influence may lift the native up, and give him favor of those in authority, or in a higher sphere of life. In a bad horoscope there may be notoriety, instead of fame, and a bad temper, rather than firmness, and it is then apt to increase the selfishness. There is an inclination for poetry, music, painting and fine arts. He is generally free and generous. though at times the opposite tendency shows itself, and he is extremely careful of money matters. It is good for vitality, but in an afflicted horoscope, will tend towards fits, convulsions or effusions of blood on the brain.-Vol. II, page 282, Science & Key of Life.

I wish to congratulate you on the first issue of The Stellar Ray. I like everything in it from your broad, open, noble face on the front page, clear through.—W. T. C., Rome, Ga.

#### The Science of Planetary Influence.

E are more concerned in the general principles underlying the great science of planetary influences than in the local aspects. In our mind the more important phase of the great subject is that of human individual expression. It seems so necessary that the vexed questions of adaptation and fitness of time, place and the personality to fill them, should be solved first of all. For when men and women, instead of struggling along out of their element, wasting life energies along lines of effort that bring either indifferent success, broken health, or total failure, shall choose and become fitted for their proper niches in life, then will general and individual conditions improve rapidly.

Our great desire is to see the day when this infallible science will be taught in our schools and colleges, as is astronomy, chemistry, etc. As it is today, those who are delving in the science are mostly self-taught, picking up a fragment of truth here and there, and are without the necessary means of becoming thorough students.

The time will come when governments will recognize the great benefit of this science, the key to right living. Bureaus of information will be provided where the people may obtain accurate knowledge. For example, those versed in this science will report upon the proper seed and planting time; others give out correct weather prognostications; others will inform as to the favorable time at which surgical operations should be performed; still others to scientifically determine how men and women may be properly mated; also the times for conception of offspring. When these great practical questions of life are under the guidance of exact science, so that all life vibrations move in harmony, not in clanging discord causing ill-health, crime, etc., then will poverty and misery be largely eliminated.

Inefficiency will not be tolerated in these departments. Such important questions will be met by reliable scientific answers which will guide human beings into the ways they should follow. Then will the brotherhood of man become a

reality, and obedience to natural law be the rule and not the exception. We believe that all planetary influences are beneficent, that all law is for the upbuilding of life. Where crime, error, catastrophe occur, the wrong note has been struck, either in ignorance or in willful disobedience, and the effect is far-reaching in its lesson of obedience and its call to proper living.

"I think STELLAR RAY even better than SUGGESTION, and that is saying a good deal."—J. F. C. Grumbine, Ed. Occult Science.

#### Forecast for 1907.

By Martha J. Keller, 27 Arcade, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Light, more light, will illuminate the track of 1907. The chart in the skies above will guide us, as Uranus, Neptune, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and the Moon, are heliocentrically polarized to the brain, showing unusual activity, that great psychic, cosmic, and vital changes, will be inaugurated during the year.

A more general interest taken in Psychic research than ever before. A year of unexpected and surprising events. Prosperity will continue for most of the year, especially for the workers and doers. Even the so-called dreamer will bring out some practical inventions. The parallel conjunction of Neptune and Jupiter will cause much money to be invested in large projects, and some will be pushed to a successful working condition, by which many small investors will receive a reasonable share. Trusts will flourish yet a few years, but will eventually be pruned down of their graft, and be changed into co-operative companies. It will take a long time to find honest men to fill all the important offices.

The Panama Canal will make very satisfactory progress, as they are now in good shape to protect their workmen from most climatic ills. They will encounter many obstacles in the hills and mountains, the rocks will bear rich minerals of various kinds, and form a new center of interest to miners. It will take fourteen years to complete it.

The President will unravel a few knots and tangles, when he is where he can see for himself. Many new laws will be passed in the early part of 1907, and others that are already on record will have a tremendous effect on the future welfare of the country.

This will be a snowy winter, and will last till late in the spring in northern countries. There will be some dreadful storms during 1907, tidal waves, cyclones, hurricanes, winds, lightning, and water, something awful in destruction; there may be some seismic disturbances also. Looks like a tidal wave on the Atlantic coast as far north as Newfoundland; severe storms. This seems to occur between February 10th and April 1st. There will also be severe storms on the lakes, the greatest storms nearly always near large bodies of water. Rivers overflow. Water sweeps all before it this year. June, September and October are also likely to give severe storms. Volcanic eruptions in those considered long extinct. These will be in North and South America, Eastern Asia, India, and perhaps some islands in the Indian Ocean.

I don't see any serious trouble for the United States during the year; they will be able to keep peace with all they possess or oversee. Cuba will take another trial at self-government. There will be more Cabinet changes before the year is out, and several deaths among Senators or other high officials.

Towards the close of 1907, new projects and new leaders will appear that will claim a great share of public attention, so great that people will cease to quarrel about the Panama Canal, tariff, etc. War—there may be a few skirmishes, but soon over. China is waking from her sleep of centuries, and will soon demand more justice for her common people. It still seems a long way to popular government there, but it will come by and by. Traditions and superstitions die slowly. India will be visited by some sort of pestilence, scourge or storms.

The map of Russia still shows some black spots; where desolation reigns. Russia will gradually awake from the night-

mare of tyranny and pass more humane laws. By the year 1908, she will begin to settle into some semblance of peace, and revive industries at home and once more take her place among the leading nations of the earth. England seems to have some trouble on hand; a black cloud hangs over her; it concerns her colonies, especially those in Africa; some of them are likely to assert their independence before long.

A death among the rulers of small countries in Europe, a middle-aged or old man. The King of Italy will be in great danger; as the anarchists are still very active, and will be for several years yet. Stringent international laws should be passed to break up their too-easy chances of moving from one country to another. They are likely to be very active during 1907, July and June, some violent outbreaks.

A large depot, a great crowd, a great crash, is probably a collapse or cave-in, many killed and wounded.

We are progressing, but the warfare is not ended. Humanity is like a tangled web, so many devious ways and misunderstandings. Everybody trying to reform each other, and not themselves. As people misunderstand, so do nations, which makes trouble on a large scale, as well as small; but eventually order will come out of chaos. Guide-posts are plain, but the blind leaders of the blind see them not; though they still cry reform, they go stumbling on.

I wish to thank you for the first issue of THE STELLAR RAY, and to say, while I have for many years read Suggestion, and it filled its place as a magazine for me, I no less welcome its successor, and, judging by the first issue, I feel that we are not losing, but are gaining. I have been interested some time in the study of stellar influence upon life, and it is with joy I read your magazine.—Miss A. H., 717 Travis St., Sta. A., Houston, Tex.

We are immortal now and here. Chances and changes, night and day, are landmarks in the eternal way; our fear is all we have to fear.—Alice Cary.

#### **HEALTH AND HYGIENE**

#### Breathing Exercise for Women.

BREATH is life. Breathing is the most important function of the body. A proper supply of air and a properly controlled breath mean health, vitality, magnetism and beauty. Breath control is the greatest means of spiritual development, according to the Hindu, and people of the West are awakening to the fact that physical and mental health depends largely on correct habits of breathing.

If every woman in this country knew how to use her lungs fully, nerve sanitariums would have to shut up and the rest cures would be things of the past. In their normal state men and women needed no instructions in breathing. They continued to use their respiratory organs naturally and correctly, just as children and animals do; but with the strain of modern life and tight and heavy clothing only about one person in a thousand really enjoys the full use of his lungs. Unnatural positions of the body, constant sitting and stooping, bad ventilation, lack of exercise and consequent physical and mental fatigue have induced methods of breathing which barely keep the person alive.

Incorrect breathing is the cause of most of the diseases of the day, including the greatest peril—consumption. Though breathing exercises are being taught in every school, in every physical culture class, little good is done by them unless the habit of correct breathing is acquired.

As a little woman to whom I had sent a set of rules for deep breathing wrote to me: "I breathe regularly; when I stop, the trouble is still there." Of course, what she should do is not to stop her deep breathing, but to do it habitually. I presume she goes on breathing somehow, since she is still alive. As long as deep breathing is merely a fad of the moment, or practiced incidentally and regarded as a sort of nuisance, it is not doing more than momentary good.

"But," said a hollow-chested young woman to me some years ago, "why should I learn how to breathe? I have always breathed naturally, like everybody else, and I'm sure there can be no other way. It's silly."

The girl was breathing in short, puffy breaths, using just the top of her lungs. Her voice was weak and her anæmic face and undeveloped figure spoke of a lack of vitality and strength which she only could have gained by a knowledge of the correct use of lungs and life-giving oxygen. Being the kind of girl, however, who simply will not take a suggestion, she laughed the idea of breathing to scorn. I have recently heard that she has been ordered to Colorado by her physician.

If you want to find out whether you are using your breath capacity to its full extent, wait until you go to bed at night. When you are lying down, quite relaxed and breathing regularly, place your hands on the body and feel what portions of it move with each inhalation. You will probably feel all the ribs, including the lower ones, expand, pushed out by the expansion of the diaphragm—that big muscle which separates the chest box from the abdomen. The chest will be raised a little by the inflation of the lungs. As you exhale, the diaphragm will relax, the ribs sink in, the chest fall slightly. This is normal breathing. This muscular action takes place every time the child breathes, and should occur with every inhalation of the grown person, but for various reasons it does not.

With a woman the first excuse for insufficient breath is her fashionable clothing, which is usually too tight to allow for any expansion at all. Many women believe that a stylish figure depends on a good corset. It does, to a certain extent, but even more than that does the illusive quality of that name depend upon the carriage of the body. A good corset need not be a tight one, and corsets cut on fashionable lines can be made with plenty of breathing space.

A snugly drawn waist line does less harm to the woman than a bodice which fits her too tightly across the chest and does not permit of any action of the ribs. This is the fashionable figure which destroys both physique and mentality and against which doctors and scientists have waged war for years, because it is impossible for a woman tightly laced and so compressed in a bodice to draw one real breath of air. But she can have a magnificent and modish figure and yet not be laced or even wear corsets. Mme. Alla Nasimoff, the Russian actress, has such a figure. She is chic, stylish, elegant; yet she never has worn a corset. Her frocks are slightly boned, to keep them from wrinkling about the body, but her waist is small and the lines of her figure are superb, because she is perfectly developed and holds herself splendidly.

A woman's carriage is queenly or slovenly according to the way she holds her chest. Her waist is small or large as she keeps up the chest box or sinks down into the waist, relaxing the muscles, which grow flaccid. If she breathes correctly her chest will be well developed and high. The lazy, indolent woman breathes as superficially as she can, and looks it. She takes in as little of the life-giving energy or force as she can with comfort, and consequently she has hardly strength enough to crawl around or dress herself properly. She is the woman termed "sloppy," who hasn't enough energy to keep herself clean, tie her shoestrings or to do her hair up properly. She needs more life, more breath.

The indolent woman, like the sick woman, needs to practice deep breathing to rouse her sluggish circulation and awaken her dormant mental and physical faculties. The nervous woman will find in the rhythmic breathing an exercise which will soothe her nerves and eventually induce sleep. Deep breathing is necessary for the girl whose complexion is mottled. A bad complexion is an indication of bad blood, which is purified by inducing a fresh supply of oxygen into the system after cutting off part of the food supply and cleansing the system with water.

There are a great many different ways of inhaling the lifegiving oxygen, and after deep breathing has been mastered and becomes a habit, the subject can try some of the other breaths, taken from various oriental sources. Those suggested by Yogi Ramacharaka in his science of breath are strongly to be recommended and excellent results have been obtained by practicing them. Anything that will impress woman with the vital necessity of making real use of the life force which is all about us and which we inhale with every breath is to be acclaimed with joy. It means not only health to this generation, but freedom from disease for the next.

On getting up in the morning, while still clad in your night dress, stand firmly with the back against the wall, touching the wall with the back of the head. Inhale through the nostrils with a sensation that the air is going to the bottom of the lungs first, and slowly filling up the space until you can take in no more. The chest lifts up of itself and you should retain this position with the air in the lungs while mentally slowly counting three. Now expel the breath through the nose, keeping the chest high and pressing the breath out of the bottom of the lungs first. The chest sinks down last. Repeat this breathing exercise ten times. Do not try to hold the breath too long or count too slowly. If you feel a choking sensation while retaining the breath begin to exhale at once, but always exhale slowly.

Another breathing exercise for the morning is done while standing upright as before. Place one hand at the side on the lower-ribs, the other hand in the soft part of the back. Draw in a deep breath, forcing the air down, so that you feel the hands come out, and feel as if you were breathing through your back. This is to exercise the lower part of the lungs. After inhaling hold the breath while counting three and expel slowly. Repeat this exercise seven times. These exercises should always be done in a well-ventilated room, if possible, with the windows open. They can be done during the day and should be again repeated at night just before going to bed, unless the subject be very nervous, when the rhythmic breath will induce sleep.

To practice rhythmic breathing, when ready for bed, after having opened the window, get in bed and rest comfortably on the back, with limbs extended. The pillow should not be high. It is best to have no pillow at all. Relax the body as much as possible by inhaling slowly and exhaling quickly, with a feeling of letting go the muscles and the tension in the body. Now inhale very slowly through the nostrils while counting seven.

Retain the breath with the same number until it becomes no longer necessary for you to count the intervals, for they will get to be of equal length naturally, and soothing sleep will be induced.

The awakening breath exercise will stimulate the nervous system and create force and energy for the person who practices it. Stand erect, filling the lungs according to the first exercise for deep breathing. Hold the arms out straight in front of you with just enough energy in them to keep the position—they should be as limp as possible. Now draw the hands back toward the shoulders, putting as much force as possible in them, so that when they reach the shoulders the fists will be tightly clenched and a tremulous motion is felt. Then, still retaining the breath, push the fists out slowly and draw them back rapidly without losing the tension in the muscles. Repeat this several times, then exhale quickly through the mouth.—Chicago Daily News.

I was much pleased with THE STELLAR RAY, and have been writing and working along these lines for some years.—

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#### The Drugless Healer.

By O. V. LA BOYTEAUX, Psychologist, Reading, Michigan.

Did you ever stop to think that by its criticism of mental science, Christian Science, suggestion, and all other forms of drugless healing (which are in truth all one) the world really flatters their devotees? Why, when the patient of an Aesculapius enters the state of dissolution no attention is given the matter further than as a passing event—they really expected the patient to die under the treatment. But on the other hand, let a patient die without the assistance of drugs and the world looks upon it in horror—incensed to think that the sick should not recover. The secular press heralds the failure from ocean to ocean; the mental physicians and perhaps a few members of the bereaved family are pounced upon by officers of the law and made to pay the penalty for their failure.

The mental physician has the satisfaction of living with a clear conscience for he knows that when one of his patients dies the death is but the natural result of an offended law, and the patient alone was the offender. But how about the other fellow? Death is just as natural a result in one case as the other, but is the patient always the sole offender.

One of our best senators contracted a simple cold. Most any grandmother would have put him on his feet in a week or so with her harmless home treatment, but the physicians' bulletin boards seemed to be proud of carrying on their face a statement of the amount of mercury (a deadly poison) that had been administered the patient day by day. The result? Well, the world patted the physician on the back and said "God's will be done." Yes, perhaps! but I am thankful I have a broader conception of God than to make him a catspaw for errant man.

I am very much pleased with The STELLAR RAY.—M. W., P. O. Box 395, Mobile, Ala.

#### Biochemic Treatment of Disease.

By SAMUEL BLODGETT, Hopkins, Minn.

MONG the newly presented innovations is the school of Biochemistry, a school founded on the thought and assumption that disease and weakness is always occasioned by the lack of balance in the chemical constituents the body contains, and that health can be restored by an artificial supply of the deficient ingredients. If this were true the question of health would be a very simple one. Learn the relative amount of the different elementary substances contained in a healthy body and supply the food containing them. A rightly ordered diet would give perfect health forever.

All living on this diet would have perfect health, and all living on an inferior diet would be equally affected unfavorably. As a matter of fact two living on the same kind of food, one will be healthy and vigorous, and the other will be a feeble invalid.

Health means not only the proper food in proper quantities, but the vital vigor to assimilate and organize the elements this food contains. You can say one will always have the necessary vigor for this if he has always been supplied with the proper food material, but the facts I have noticed disprove this assumption. The problem is deeper than chemical supply.

Vital action is very different from chemical action. Chemical action cannot organize living cells into living tissue. It cannot separate from a common material the different needs of the different organs and build them in where they belong. The vital intelligence manages this matter. We cannot chemically prepare the cell-salts for the supply of any one. All we can do is to supply the proper food, and the living force of each person, by the digestive and assimilative process, prepares the necessary cell-salts and disposes of them according to his individual needs.

The suggestive healer stimulates the imagination of the patient and assists him in making active and concentrating his vital force to the point of especial need, and in this way is invaluable.

When the biochemical healer makes the patient believe his artificial cell-salts will cure he may recover by the aid of this suggestion, and believe afterwards as well as then, that it was by the aid of the chemical supply. The healer may also be under the same delusion.

If this be true, how essential it is that thought should always be controlled. With beautiful ideals of health, purity and happiness, the growing intellect of the child should be taught to formulate healthy thought, and this will be whispered to the subconscious mind and the result will be a well-formed healthy body. Environment is everything, for it generates the thought that makes for health or disease.

The prophets we need are those who encourage all efforts and talk little about what cannot be done. The one who reaches for something with persistence may get something better than he thought, as Columbus discovered America though he set out for the East Indies.—A. C. Dolbear.

#### Nature Cure for Old Age.

By Dr. Axel Emil Gibson, Los Angeles, Cal..

TRUGGLE against old age does not mean struggle against death. We do not propose to combat death, only too early death, and there is no reason why man may not pass the great divide without being escorted by the infirmity, decrepancy and helplessness of old age. Death should appeal to us as a harbinger of a sweet rest after a long day's labor, laying his hand

"Upon our heart gently, not smiting it, But as a harper lays his open palm Upon his harp to deaden its vibrations."

To successfully combat old age we must ally ourselves closely with Nature. She has it in her power to confer on us incredible moral and physical strength. We commune with her and receive her blessings whenever we sincerely admire the world of beauty and loveliness, in which we are constantly pacing up and down. There is nothing more refreshing and rejuvenating than to open up one's mind to the touch and caress of Mother Nature; to throw one's entire self with the ecstacy of trust and confidence in her loving embrace. She will accomplish wonders with us if we unhesitatingly and confidently surrender ourselves to her healing and life-giving powers. It is Nature who brought us up to whatever strength and beauty we possess, and it must be through her we shall regain the lost powers of youth—if lost; or retain them in uninjured condition, if still in our possession.

Nature has all the elements of perennial youth in her bosom. Cosmetics and tonics are poor restoratives of faded health and beauty. The world's famous beauties, the Mmes. Epignon, l'Encore and Adelina Pattis of all ages, never quaffed the vital elixir of their unfading loveliness and health from the apothecary's bottle. The secret of their beauty is not contained in the enigmatical characters of a learned prescription, but in the blazing formula of sun and sky, of hill and meadow, of air and water. They nestle close to Nature's heart, become her obedient children, and listen attentively to her advice. They indulge in out-door

movement and healthy sport, and consult their physical condition and real needs rather than the inane statements of an elaborate bill of fare for the selection of their food. They study their natures, ascertain their necessities, and obey scrupulously their own better judgement. They seem, one and all, to subordinate their appetites to the mandates of their judgment, and not their judgment to the mandates of their appetite.

I see no basis in the physical constitution of man for the supposition that because we have passed the savage in point of mental and moral strength, we should need to fall below him in point of physical strength. Nature is never weakened by culture; on the contrary, whenever the two work in partnership. life flows at its highest tides, as can be witnessed in the mighty creations of our Burbanks, Bartletts, De Vriez, and other architects and builders in the vegetable kingdom. Why could not man introduce the same partnership of Nature and culture in the daily construction of his body, and let the charioteer of his mind drive just so fast, and not faster, than the power and endurance of his evolutionary "team" permits?

The elite of our present generation seem to have caught, or rather are on the verge of catching, the secret of a long, healthy and beautiful existence. The cause of this great, vital departure from the routine of the past is, perhaps, to be found in the dawning realization that we belong to and form a part of Nature; that we are as much children of old Pan as is the savage, and that genius and high mental attainment do not free us from the necessity of complying with the iron rules governing the processes of growth and health. We begin to find out that singular intelligence and common sense go very well together, and that simplicity is the redeeming and perserving factor of life. Not back to Nature, with its savagery and rude, uncultured strength, however, but up to Nature by giving expression to ever higher aims and sympathies along the line of mental, moral and physical evolution. And to live this higher Nature means to understand and realize the meaning of life, which again is possible only through its practical application to the issues of our everyday life. Growth toward health and strength means a striving onwards gauged by

duty and observation, not backwards under the unreasoning leadership of vain regrets, morbid longings and aimless griefs.

It is not only the kingdom of heaven which is to be "taken by violence"—the kingdom of Nature must be conquered by similar methods. We must be attentive and vigilant in our walks of life; neglect nothing, underrate nothing. "Generous in design, immovable in execution, and moderate in success." Enjoy unstintingly, though with moderation, the legitimate pleasures of life. Admire the beautiful, the true and good; love the virtuous and affectionate in all its vestures, help the needy and suffering, comfort the sad, encourage the downhearted, and gently caution the overbearing. Always surround the mind with images of high, moral purity—avoid falsehood, doubleness and vanity. Move forward broad-gauged, open-browed, square-minded and generous-hearted through the world, ever facing heaven, yet never losing sight of earth.

If to these old, yet ever new, rules we add a knowledge of up-to-date hygiene and its unreserved application, a knowledge of the nutritive value of foodstuffs, a study of the reform dress movement, and an untiring interest in everything that tends to health, strength and beauty—in a word, a study of ourselves in our relation to Nature rather than in our relation to drugs and fashion—we shall certainly continue to raise the mark of longevity and fill the earth with happiness, sweetness and universal joy.—Medical Brief.

I wish to express my highest appreciation of the change in Suggestion to The Stellar Ray, not in name only, but in editors. I noticed the change in vibration instantly. Pardon the liberty I am taking, it is due to vibration. If it were not for being on the same rate of vibration, I could not speak at all.—C. R. L., \$\pm4109\$ Vincennes Ave., Chicago.

To indulge in repinings over our own deficiencies, compared with others, while it indicates the baleful presence of envy, prevents our making the best use of such endowments as we have.— Lydia Maria Child.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS AND SELECTIONS

#### A Knock at the Door.

Alexandre Dumas was a little more than four years old when he lost his father, yet he relates a strange incident connected with the event to which he attached so much importance as to have it accompanied by a plan of the house in which it occurred. This was the abode of a locksmith, whither young Dumas had been removed the day before his father's demise.

"I remained," he says, "till a late hour in the smithy. The forge gave out at night effects of light and shade—fantastic reflections which greatly pleased me. About 8 o'clock my cousin Marianne came to fetch me and put me to bed in a little impromptu couch near a larger one, and I went to sleep with that good sleep that heaven vouchsafes to children like the dews of spring.

"At midnight I woke up—or, rather, we were roused, my cousin and I—by a loud knock at the door. A night lamp was burning in the room, and by the light of that lamp I saw my cousin rise up in bed, much alarmed, but not saying a word.

"No one could knock at the door without getting through an outer one.

"But I, who even at the present day shudder in writing these lines—I felt no fear. I got out of bed and went toward the door.

- " 'Where are you going, Alexandre?' my cousin cried out. 'Where are you going?'
- "'You see where I am going,' I answered quietly. 'I am going to open the door for papa, who has come to bid us goodby.'

"The poor girl jumped out of bed terrified, caught me just as I was opening the door and brought me back by force to my bed. I struggled in her arms shouting with all my strength: 'Goodby papa! Goodby papa!'

"Something like a dying breath passed over my face and

calmed me.

"Nevertheless I went to sleep again with tears in my eyes, sobbing vehemently.

"The next morning we were awake at break of day.

"My father had died at the very moment I heard that loud knock at the door!

"Then I heard these words, without being able to understand thoroughly what they meant: 'My poor child, your papa, who loved you so dearly, is dead!'

#### Influence of Love.

By W. C. OWEN, Denver, Colo.

How different would read the history of life if we exercised love and patience toward all who err!

Love is one of the fundamental principles of creation. The direct cause of Divine wisdom, the one "grand symphony of divine harmony to which all the music of the universe is attuned." It's a sweet white flower that buds and blossoms in the hearts of men, scattering its seed to uttermost parts of earth, carrying messages of good cheer to the unfortunate of the world. It presents itself from the heart of the child in a state of sublime purity.

Love springs forth from unfettered affection. Friendship is the manifestation of love's abstract quality. Fraternity is a budding rose of love that promises much for mankind when it opens into full bloom. Love is the grandest gift of a benevolent deity. "It seeks for naught but a chance to express itself." It is a spiritual essence that flows through the universe healing the wounds caused by selfishness, also is that thing which creates in the hearts of men a desire to be a benefit to their fellows, their country and their sovereign. Love is life and immortality. The divinity of love when found fills an empty aching void in the

heart of the lonesome and isolated life. It provides an incentive for attaining to greater usefulness. It opens the soul to rays of spiritual influence greater in the scope of happiness than is realized in selfish desires. In concluding let me say: If I wish light on the subject of happiness, let me live a life of generosity, inspired by love and from the depths of my soul will come an "understanding surpassing the glory of Solomon's wisdom."

#### Strange Experiences.

By J. H. Lingo, Daleville, Ala.

I would like for some readers of The Stellar Ray or some students of Psychic phenomena to explain to me what certain experiences (to me) mean. For several years I seem to be in another existence at times. At such times I can see various scenes, such as beautiful cities, landscapes, etc.; I can also hear voices, conversations as if carried on between individuals, but this talk is not audible enough to understand but a few words. I can feel touches after retiring, mostly at night, and I realize that an intelligent Something is with me, because the contact or touches of this invisible presence feels like human flesh, I mean it has the contour, shape, etc., of a human being.

At times my vocal chords are made to articulate words by something foreign to myself.

I am bewildered; please explain if you can give me a solution of my etxraordinary experience.

(Will some of the readers of The Stellar Ray reply to these inquries?—Ed.)

### The Power to Please.

HE power to please is a tremendous asset. What can be more valuable than a personality which always attracts, never repels? It is not only valuable in business, but also in every field of life. It makes statesmen and politicians, it brings clients to the lawyer, and patients to the physician. It is worth everything to the clergyman. No matter what career

you enter, you cannot overestimate the importance of cultivating that charm of manner, those personal qualities, which attract people to you. They will take the place of capital or influence. They are often a substitute for a large amount of hard work.

Some men attract business, customers, clients, patients, as naturally as magnets attract particles of steel. Everything seems to point their way, for the same reason that the steel particles point toward the magnet—because they are attracted.

Such men are business magnets. Business moves toward them, even when they do not apparently make half so much effort to get it as the less successful. Their friends call them "lucky dogs." But if we analyze these men closely, we find that they have attractive qualities. There is usually some charm of personality about them that wins all hearts.—Success.

I wish to continue taking The STELLAR RAY. I find a current of helpful thoughts in it to be found nowhere else in any other periodical.—C. C. C., Atty., Powell Bldg., Fort Worth, Tex.

#### Soul Life.

By Mrs. Ida Lyon, Houston, Minn.

HE existence of a soul is determined only by the physical manifestation of its powers.

Unquestionably, all animals possess sensibility and will. It is intellect that the lower animals are said to lack. Yet it is often stated that animals are "intelligent," though instinct is supposed to govern their actions.

Instinct is inborn—never acquired. Anything that an animal learns to do is not done by instinct.

My dog rattles the doorknob from the outside, and the key from the inside, when he wants the door opened. My cat learned to do the same from watching the dog. When the dog barks the cat goes to the window and looks out, for the same reason that I do, though he is incapable of determining whether his reasoning is deductive or inductive.

The scope of an animal's intellect is limited. So is that of man's. We are all fools in one way or another, and he is the greatest fool among us who least perceives the magnitude of his ignorance.

I have seen men bully and beat their dogs to show their superiority over them.

There are those who would say that the woman who leaves her babe to die in an alley has an immortal soul, while the homeless dog who is found watching over it (as in a recent case) can lay no claim to immortality.

And there are those who, should they, perchance, meet some honest dog at the bar of judgment, well might blush to look him in the face.

#### Are There Other Universes?

By A. Russel Bond.

N any moonless evening during the autumn and Winter months a peculiar band of cloudy light is visible, stretching from horizon to horizon. This band which is called the galaxy, or the milky way, forms a complete ring girdling the heavens, and is found to consist of myriads of stars of all magnitudes. The farther from the milky way we direct our view, the fewer the stars become, so that midway of the galaxy or at the "galactic poles," as they are called, there are comparatively few stars. Here there appear to be really faint stars, for the largest telescope can discover no more stars than are visible in a telescope of moderate size, and the sky about these stars is jet black, showing that here at least we have apparently penetrated the utmost confines of our universe and can gaze into the limitless black void beyond.

The milky way itself is quite baffling to astronomers. There are some cloudy spots in the belt that cannot be resolved into the individual stars of which they are undoubtedly composed, but even with the largest telescopes still present the same hazy,

cloudlike appearance. On the other hand, there are rifts and inky black spots, or "coal sacks," as they are called, in the milky way in which no stars have ever been found. This would seem to indicate that there is a limit to the stars even in that direction. It used to be thought that the universe has the form of a grindstone, with its edge in the milky way, and extending for an infinitely great distance, and that the reason the stars appear closer to each other in the milky way is because we are looking through a greater thickness of stars in this direction. If such is the case, the "coal sacks" can only be accounted for as long tunnels directed toward the earth and penetrating to the very edge of the grindstone—a very improbable condition.

However, the reason for the grouping of the stars in the belt is not clear. If the stars really form a ring it is probable that the ring revolves, for only by such motion would it be possible for the ring to maintain its shape. It has been discovered by relative comparisons each year that the stars, including our own sun, are really in motion.

Whither are we traveling? We must be near the centre of the universe, for the milky way appears to be practically uniform throughout, and we lie almost in the plane of the galaxy. There is one star, not very distant which appears to have no motion whatever, except for an apparent movement due to the travel of our own sun, and it was one time thought that this star was the "Central Sun" about which the entire universe revolved. But the theory is now discredited.

But whatever the theory of our universe it seems well established that it is not infinite, but comprises well defined limits. And what can we say of the infinite space beyond? Is it absolutely void of material substance, or are there other universes in it besides our own? We know that our entire universe is but a point in the infinite. Is it not presumption then to declare that ours is the only universe?—Chicago Examiner.

Star-fed, the heaven of eternal thought is spread. Therein, withal, my hungered soul may fare, and draw the life-elixir of that higher law, and blossom there.—Julia P. Dabney.

### Clairvoyance.

In the June issue of *Mc Clure's Magazine*, in an article by Hon. Carl Schurz, "Reminiscences of a Long Life," appears the following experience:—

Here I must mention an occurrence which at the time caused Strodtmann had made me acquainted with me astonishment. a marine painter by the name of Melbye, a Dane. He was much older than we, an artist of considerable skill, who talked about his art as well as various other things in an agreeable manner. He was greatly interested in clairvoyance and told us he knew a clairvoyant whose performances were most extraordinary. requested us several times to accompany him to the "seance" and to convince ourselves of her wonderful abilities. At last an evening was fixed for this entertainment, but it so happened that at about the same time I received an invitation from Kinkel, which I resolved to follow wthout delay. When I packed my valise, Strodtmann was with me in my room and he expressed his regret that I could not attend the seance that evening. away for a little while to return to my room later in the day to accompany me to the railroad station.

In the meantime the thought struck me that I might furnish a means for testing the power of the clairvoyant. I cut off some of my hair, wrapped it in a piece of paper, and put this into a letter-envelope which I closed with sealing-wax. Then I tore a little strip from a letter I had received that morning from the Hungarian general, Klapka, the celebrated defender of the fortress Komorn, and put this strip containing the date of the letter, also in a folded paper and enclosed it likewise in an envelope sealed with wax.

When Strodtmann had returned to me, I gave him their contents and instructed him to place them in the hands of the clair-voyant with the request that she give a description of the looks, the character, the past career, and the temporary sojourn of the person from whom the objects concealed in the envelopes were coming. Then I left for London.

A few days later I received a letter from Strodtmann in which he narrated the results of the seance as follows: clairvoyant took one of my envelopes into her hand, and said it contained the hair of a young man who looked thus and so. then described my appearance in the most accurate way, and added that this young man had won notoriety by his connection with a bold enterprise, and that at the present time he was on the other side of a deep water in a large city and in the circle of a happy Then she gave a description of my character, my inclinations, and my mental faculties, which as I saw them in black and white, surprised me greatly. Not only did I recognize myself in the main features of this description, but I found in it also certain statements which seemed to give me new disclosures about myself. It happens sometimes when we look into our own souls that in our impulses, in our feelings, in our ways of thinking, we find something contradictory, something enigmatical which the most conscientious self-examination does not always suffice to make clear. And now there flashed from the utterances of this clairvoyant gleams of light which solved for me many of those contradictions and riddles. I received, so to speak, a revelation about my inner self, a psychological analysis which I had to recognize as just as soon as I perceived it.

What the clairvoyant said about the other envelope which contained Klapka's writing was hardly less astonishing. described the writer of the letters and figures contained in that envelope as a handsome, dark bearded man with sparkling eyes, who once had governed a city full of armed men and beseiged The description of his person, of his past, and also by enemies. of his character as far as I knew it, was throughout correct; but when the clairvoyant added that this man was at the time not in Paris, but in another city where he had gone to meet a person very dear to him, I thought we caught her in a mistake. few days later I returned to Paris, and hardly had arrived there when I met General Klapka on the street. I asked him at once whether since he had written his last letter to me he had been constantly in Paris, and I was not a little amazed when he told me that he had a few days ago made an excursion to Brussels

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where he stopped not quite a week, and the "dear person" whom he was to have seen there, I learned from an intimate friend of Klapka, was a lady whom, it was said, he would marry. The clairvoyant was therefore right in every point.

I belong to the great church that holds the world within its starlit aisles; that claims the great and good of every race and clime; that finds with joy the grain of gold in every creed, and floods with light and love the germs of good in every soul.

—Ingersoll.

### Improving the Human Race.

HE improvement of the human race is the object of the extraordinary beauty colony established by M. Rachatnikoff, a very wealthy Russian land owner near Moscow. During the last twenty years M. Rachatnikoff has kept his eye open for handsome young peasants of both sexes. Whenever he discovers a pair that he thinks are physically perfect enough to suit him he brings them together and offers them a farm and a house all stocked and ready for them on condition that they shall marry one another and live under his eye.

The Rachatnikoff estate now contains one hundred and fifty babies and children whose health and beauty are famed throughout Russia as results of this human breeding experiment.

Last year the first wedding among the specially bred offspring occurred when Miss Vera Strellitz, the prettiest of all the children married the gigantic and handsome, Maxim Sakarhoff, the prize specimen of the youths.

At the present moment M. Rachatnikoff is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the handsomest baby ever born, a representative of the third generation of his colony.

Rachatnikoff is a firm follower of Darwin, and in deference to the law of natural selection he determined first of all to make his new race beautiful so that they would naturally love each other and not some interloping outsider.

In all his work Rachatnikoff has been planning out the proportions of his perfect future Russian. He has not the slightest doubt that in a few generations an approximation to his ideal can be reached in the way of measurements and looks. Of course he will be dead and gone, but his estate and instructions will cause the work to go on.

When the colony boasts of several hundred of both sexes who are close to his theoretically perfect human being, the new race will be bred with an eye to longevity. When the average of one hundred years is reached this will stop and the breeding from that time will be wholly for intellectual qualities.

(If M. Rachatnikoff understood the science of planetary influence and applied its laws in the mating of the young men and women of his colony, he would find the marriages not only more harmonious but the offspring of much higher type physically and mentally. His experiments then would be on a scientific basis.—Ed.)

Your magazine, THE STELLAR RAY, just received, and something very unusual with me (for I am a very busy woman), I sat down and read it from cover to cover, and I must say it comes the nearest meeting my ideals of any magazine it has been my pleasure to see, and I see most of them.—*Emily Solomon*, 411 Hall Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

### Brain Building.

By Prof. Elmer Gates, Washington, D. C.

"Everybody may go into the business of building his own brain. The thinking organ undergoes perpetual changes in cell structure and is never finished.

"Even in old age it is never too late.

"Let the esoteric mind-builder systematically devote an hour each day to calling up pleasant ideas and memories. Let him summon those finer feelings of benevolence and unselfishness, which are called up only now and then. Let him make this a regular exercise, like swinging dumb bells. Let him gradually increase the time devoted to these psychical gymnastics, giving them sixty to ninety minutes per diem.

"At the end of the month he will find the change in himself surprising. The alteration will be apparent by his actions and thoughts.

"It will have registered in the cell structure of the brain. Cells useful for good thinking will have been well developed, while others productive of evil will have shrunk. Morally speaking the man will be a great improvement on his former self."

### Psychic Phenomena.

By Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in San Francisco Examiner.

If every man in office of public trust today knew by demonstrated facts that he would continue on after death, in realms created by his thoughts and acts here on earth, I do not believe one in one thousand would descend to the plane of the grafter, the robber and the sensualist.

Like Dr. Funk, I have spent much time and thought in studying various phases of these phenomena. Unlike Dr. Funk, I no longer question whether or not the truth of spiritualism has been demonstrated.

One experience of my own substantiated its positive truth to me. A woman of good birth, social position and culture, called upon me a few days ago. We possessed mutual friends, but had never before met. I had heard of the remarkable psychic powers of this lady, known only to her intimate associates, and never employed for gain, as she was born in affluence and had married a man of means. I mentioned what I had heard of her and expressed a wish for a test. My caller seemed embarrassed and said:

"I do not like to tamper with this strange force. I have possessed it since a child, and my father nearly lost his mind investigating these things. My husband is violently opposed to the

whole matter, and I rarely permit myself to give any exhibitions of my powers to any one. I confess I do not understand my gifts, and am a little afraid of them."

However, after some persuasion she consented to oblige me. I was living in a New York hotel at the time. I sent a bell-boy to a lady whose children attended school and obtained two slates. But we had no pencils; and at my suggestion the psychic for the first time tried to obtain messages on note paper between two slates. With the paper I placed a morsel of lead pencil about the size of the end of a darning needle; a pencil so small that it would not have been held under the finger nail without losing itself.

I alone touched the paper; I alone touched the pencil; the paper bore the hotel mark, and I took it from my desk, with my own hands.

The room was brilliantly lighted. After I placed the paper and pencil between the slates, my caller held two ends of the slates in her hands and I held the other two. Almost instantly the closed slates were jerked and pulled as by some violent force; and on the table and on the back of my chair knockings were distinctly audible.

Upon the paper in a fine, spider-like penmanship, but perfectly legible, was a most tender and motherly message bearing the signature of my husband's mother, who died when he was a small child; a young mother who had lived her sweet brief life in an obscure New England village, and whose name and history are not known to one friend in one hundred of our circle of acquaintances.

I replaced other sheets of paper and in all six messages were given me; all from different people, and all under the glare of a fully lighted electric chandelier, and all in my own room and with my own materials.

Several of these messages contained assertions and statements to which time has since given added weight. This experience occurred eight years ago. I know that I was not under any hallucination; I know that I was not in a hypnotic state; I know that the slates were not tampered with, and that I alone touched

the paper and pencil; I know that no financial consideration entered into the experiment; and I know that the messages were written by some power not explainable by physical science.

It seems to me, in the light of such experience, as stupid as it is stubborn to deny the fact of communication with realms beyond. This is but one of the many convincing experiments which have come to me in the course of my investigations. In the meantime, I believe only those who wish to establish the spiritual truths on a scientific basis should tamper with these invisible forces. Just as no one ingorant of the laws of electricity should be allowed to juggle with the wires or the batteries.

I believe it is a sin against ourselves to seek continual advice and information from the disembodied regarding our material affairs. It prevents our own psychic development, the use of our own divine powers. We have no right to lean on any spirit, in the body or out of it, until we have brought our own to the fullness of the light.

If we all listened and were still at times, we too, "would hear the murmur of the gods."

But let science take the bandage from its eyes, and let it go up reverently into the higher realms of psychic investigation and learn the truth, and tell it to the world, even as it has told the marvels of astronomy and electricity. No greater work can occupy it.

Don't take it out in wishin'. If you want to be cheerful, jes' set yer mind on it and do it. Can't none of us help what we start out in life with, but we kin help what we end up with.

\* \* But it ain't jes' seein' the good in folks an' sayin' nice things when you're feelin' good. The way to git cheerful is to smile when you feel bad, to think about somebody else's headache when yer own is most bustin', to keep on believin' the sun is a-shinin' when the clouds is thick enough to cut. Nothin' helps you to it like thinkin' more 'bout other folks than about yerself.—Lovey Mary.

Thinking is the talking of the soul with itself.—Plato.

### Universal Spirit.

By GINEVRA HAINES, 454 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich.

The universal spirit is the self-acting energy that produces thought. Thought is also a substance. Every thought you think causes an electric vibration in your own brain, and those electric vibrations in the brain caused by your own thought, can pass through ether in currents and coming en rapport with a brain, attuned to your own by the law of affinity, reproduce the vibration in that brain.

Thought is also propagated from thinking centres of Psycho ether, (which is the sublimation of matter, vastly more attenuated than light ether.)

"Is it profitable to dicuss questions relative to the unknown etc., etc?" Yes—most emphatically so. The great law in human development is to obtain as nearly as possible a harmonious balance of all faculties. It includes the full development of the perceptive—reasoning, esthetic, spiritual and animal departments.

### Time Can Work Every Wonder.

Keep your mind open; deny nothing. Man has conceived dimly, or not at all the real wonders of his future existence. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.—I. Thess., v. 21.

HEN Paul wrote these words wild beasts were tearing human beings in the Coliseum, which now stands a ruin and a monument. It is a ruin because its walls are crumbled, because trees grow and vines tear down the stones of the seats where emperors, senators and women, with screams of delight, watched the blood flow.

It is more a monument than a ruin. For it reminds every visitor, and every child at school, of the fact that humanity has progressed beyond voluntary brutality, deliberate torture and horror as the amusement of the greatest city of the most civilized race.

Truly Paul, the great and brave Christian, was an inspired man. He did not say to men that they must believe without understanding, or accept without question things as they are—but he said to them, "prove all things." And after we have proved for ourselves all things, he tells us to "hold fast that which is good." The trouble with nine in ten men is their narrow-mindedness, their lack of capacity to accept new truths—or, at least, to consider them fairly.

The ordinary individual prides himself in an egotism, a self-sufficiency that ought to fill him with humiliation.

Different was the spirit of Paul. These words of his are recommended to narrow-minded people who shut out the truth:— Quench not the spirit. Despise not prophesying.—1. Thess,. v. 19-20.

If these words of Paul could be written in every book and every newspaper, put up before men's eyes all over the world, if they could be read intelligently, they would do a splendid work in hurrying along the development of backward, slow humanity.

Every man who has a plan to help his fellows knows what it is to have his spirit quenched.

Every man who has been able to look into the future to see better conditions, to urge their realization, knows how much humanity is in need of the command: "Despise not prophesyings."

The first men that talked against slavery had their spirits quenched with a vengeance. They were beaten and jailed. Their prophesyings were thoroughly despised. But slavery is gone.

The first men that talked against superstition, that denounced brutality masquerading in any garb, knew what it was to have the spirit quenched. In their case it was quenched very often with fire.

Every man who has been capable of seeing the world's future development, and who has told about it in advance, has been persecuted for his pains. In the old days he was persecuted vigorously with sticks and stones, imprisonment, the rack or fire.

To-day the attacks upon him take the form of ridicule—often as effective in quenching the spirit as the sterner old-fashioned methods.

This editorial is written to urge upon our readers to keep their minds open, to question the new idea, but not to reject it offhand.

When Paul lived and prophesied, and especially commanded men not to limit the powers of the mind, if he had been told then that the great Coliseum would crumble away, and that the brutality which caused its destruction would crumble with it, he would have accepted that statement. For his life work was the tearing down of the brutality represented in that great building devoted to bloodshed.

He would have found it hard, however, to believe in a flying machine, manned by men, sailing above the Coliseum and over the site of Rome.

He would have joined, perhaps, with others in mocking the person who should have predicted such a machine, or a locomotive, or a machine for making cloth that lets one woman do the work of 10,000 women.

We accept the abolition of slavery—of real slavery, where the master owned the servant's body.

But nine out of ten of us sniff with contempt if anybody demands or declares possible the abolition of poverty.

Let us not be content with accepting the truths of the past, let us keep our minds fully open, ready for new ideas, believing in a wonderful future far eclipsing anything that we can conceive.

"Quench not the spirit.

"Despise not prophesyings."

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."—Extracts from an editorial in *Chicago American*.

The face of a man gives us fuller and more interesting information than his tongue; for his face is the compendium of all he will ever say, as it is the one record of all he has thought and endeavored.—Schopenhauer.

### Pessimists of the Past.

The Earl of Chatham said about 150 years ago that the American colonists had no right to manufacture so much as a horse nail.

In 1780 even Benjamin Franklin, usually far-sighted, said America would not make manufactures enough for her own consumption in 1,000 years.

Sir Charles Napier said he would not command a steampropelled navy, as he didn't want to be boiled alive.

Lord Stanley said, "If steamships cross the Atlantic, I will eat the boiler of the first boat that arrives."

In 1750 law forbade in America the erection of an iron rolling mill.

When Fulton's first steamer went up the Hudson the date was August 17, and the preachers of the time cursed the boat on the ground that the date was the total of the ten horns and the seven heads of the beast of Apocalypse.—The Graphite.

### Telepathy and Premonitions.

By Thomas H. Watson, Chicago, Ill.

Did you ever have a dream impressed so strongly upon your mind that upon waking it seemed to be a reality and haunted your thoughts during the day? Did you ever have a feeling that something was about to happen and the feeling become so strong that you spoke to some friend about it, only to be laughed at?

The fear of ridicule is so strong in some people that they suffer in silence rather than be laughed at for what some people may class as chimerical ideas.

Should you ever receive a presentment, or a thought that some friend will meet with accident do not put the thought from you as foolish, but stop and consider that some intangible something prompted you for some reason. Just what that something is, science is working hard to solve. Whether it be a message from Him who created us, or whether it be a message from the

mind mortal, we are yet unable to say. Certainly there is some power as to the origin of which we can only hypothecate.

If we turn to telepathy for solution, I venture this supposition. When man was first put on earth the chances are he had no verbal language. The only sounds he made might be likened unto those made by an animal. Being unable to articulate intelligently, how would he make his wants known? Most likely by grunts and signs coupled with a strong mental picture of his wish, gratified. This last, being received by the person with whom he was in communication caused them to acquiesce as well as circumstances would permit.

As ages rolled by, and generation succeeded generation, the survival of the fittest must have been apparent, and the original grunts of our ancestors may have become modulated to express anger, pleasure and pleading; these coupled with the factal expression, and bodily motions which even now accompany them. With the gradual perfection of this sound language; the mental language or thought transference became dormant through disuse, but might be revived by proper stimulation.

Let us not consider telepathy as a supernatural power possessed by few, but rather as a universal, human attribute which we can cultivate by proper mind education.

Consider the Hindoos, a race that civilization has changed but little. Accustomed to solitary meditation, their thoughts and mode of living would be just such as would create a mental condition proper for telepathy. Think of the seemingly miraculous feats they perform and discover if you can, any other source than telepathy. Some may call it hypnotism but the deeper phases of hypnotism are a form of telepathy, short range to be sure, but telepathy just the same.

Then turn to ourselves and consider the dominating feature of the present generation. Selfishness will appear most prominent. We may endow a church or library, but the world must know, and is expected to praise us for it. We may found an asylum or a hospital, but our portrait is the first thing seen on entering. In our killing race for wealth is it any wonder the rich have forgotten how to use the mental powers of our ancestors?

The poor, compelled to labor for the rich have little time for psychic research. What little time they may have is spent in building up their strength, that on the morrow they may be able to keep their place in the army of toil. No wonder that occult phenomena has declined till now it is looked upon as a symptom of mental weakness.

The colleges with their fixed laws of mathematical deductions go into metaphysics and because there is no mathematical law governing mind, or soul, or spirit, or whatever we may call it, it is dropped.

The quiet thinker who endeavors to give a logical reason for these manifestations is relegated to that class called dreamers, and through dread of farther ridicule, keeps his investigations to himself.

The way to solve these problems is by heart to heart talks with the persons who have experienced them. When sufficient material has been collected and proven to be true we can begin our deductions. We can never expect to prove our worth as long as we allow some power within us to remain unused. And while we may be laughed at for patient study of a subject so little known, consider the benefits that may be reaped by those to come, by placing them in touch with the infinite.

A premonition which came as a dream, happened to an engineer employed by a Chicago printing house. In his dream a shaft on one of the machines broke and the idea was so firmly fastened upon him that he went to the man in charge and reported it. When he told it was a dream he was laughed at, but strange as it may seem while he was away for his lunch the shaft broke as foretold in the dream.

Of course I can offer no solution. Whether or not it was spirits I cannot say. He being a decided meterialist, one would hardly look to spirit warnings in his case. The machine being inanimate could hardly warn him, and as it was not broken on purpose, I leave the reader to draw his own conclusions.

For research into telepathic phenomena I would suggest to whoever takes it up to live as nearly right as possible. Do right by your fellow man and you will not have those disturbing thoughts while you are trying to concentrate your mind. Cultivate a fearless, kindly, aggressive disposition, and practice controlling and concentrating your thoughts. All these conditions can be brought about by the continued use of proper auto-suggestions. Don't try to move mountains at first, begin with simple things. Don't wait for something to turn up to start you, but begin Now.

### What is Nature?

By Alma Stanford, Santa Barbara, Cal.

We call the flower a product of nature, which makes nature a producer; but where does she get that with which she produces the flowers of varied form and color, etc.? For it shows a wonderful intelligence as well as substance back of it. Some say that nature is God, but I would call it God's laboratory in which he manifests his power, and provides the substance for nature to work with.

Everything which the physical eye sees we say is natural, but we cannot say it is substance, for substance is invisible; the one cause back of all effect. We cannot see cause; we only see the manifestation of it, hence nature cannot be God; it is God's, though God is not potentially nature.

Law is not God, but that through which he makes himself known and felt. God is the absolute possessor of law, which nothing can break. It is the law that breaks that which acts otherwise than in harmony with it. Nature is law made visible to physical man.

(As Pope says:

"For we are but parts of an infinite whole Whose body is nature and God the soul."—Ed.)

Any encroachment upon the rights of a fellow-man reacts upon ourselves, and although we may seem benefited by the advantage thus gained, still do we wound our better nature and will reap as we have sown.

### A Doctor's Sleep.

Found He Had to Leave Off Coffee.

Many persons do not realize that a bad stomach will cause insomnia.

Coffee drinking, being such an ancient and respectable form of stimulation, few realize that the drug-caffeine-contained in coffee and tea, is one of the principal causes of dyspepsia and nervous troubles.

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### White Bread.

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A lady in a Wisconsin town employed a physician, who instructed her not to eat white bread for two years. She tells the details of her sickness, and she certainly was a sick woman.

"In the year 1887 I gave out from over-work, and until 1901 I remained an invalid in bed a great part of the time. Had different doctors, but nothing seemed to help. I suffered from cerebro-spinal congestion, female trouble and serious stomach and bowel trouble. My husband called a new doctor, and after having gone without food for ten days the doctor ordered Grape-Nuts for me. I could eat the new food from the very first mouthful. The doctor kept me on Grape-Nuts, and the only medicine was a little glycerine to heal the alimentary canal.

"When I was up again doctor told me to eat Grape-Nuts twice a day and no white bread for two years. I got well in good time and have gained in strength so I can do my own work again.

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to know the future was present, and the ancient astrologers were highly regarded, for they foretold coming events truly. In later days, many of the world's foremost men have planned their actions by following the course laid out for them by the Today even those who deny the truth of Astrology feel way down in their hearts that there is something in it, for nearly everyone has some remarkable episode to tell of a journey, an illness, a business venture or a love affair that was fore-

told by an Astrologer. No Astrologer of the present day more widely known than Professor Edison of Binghamton, N. Y., and in investigation to learn the truth or falsity of the claims put forth for Astrology, one should

naturally go to this head center. If it were necessary to prove the gen-uineness of his claims, Professor Edison could show an interesting batch of correspondence. In his office would be found file after file of letters from those who had asked Professor Edison's advice and predictions for their future. And in almost every instance these letters say that what he had foretold had come true. In one instance a letter would say that the legacy he had foretold had been received; in another that the business entered into on his advice had been successful; in a third that, as a result of his careful reading of their stars and planets, they had married happily.

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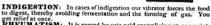
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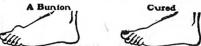
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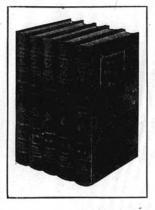
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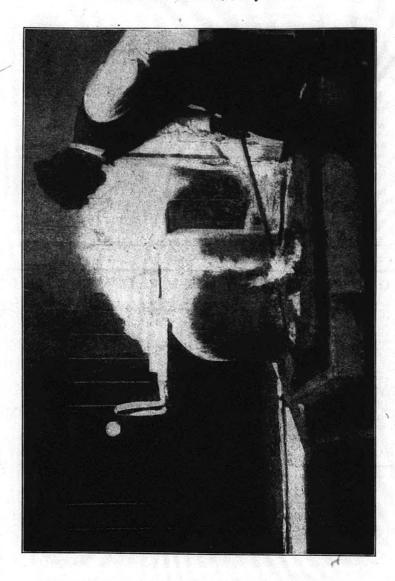
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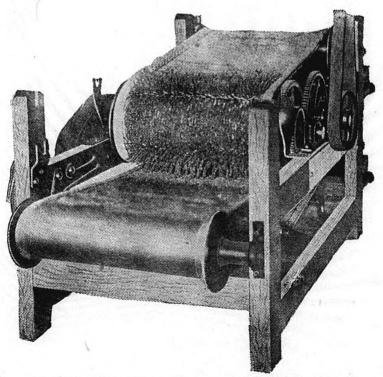
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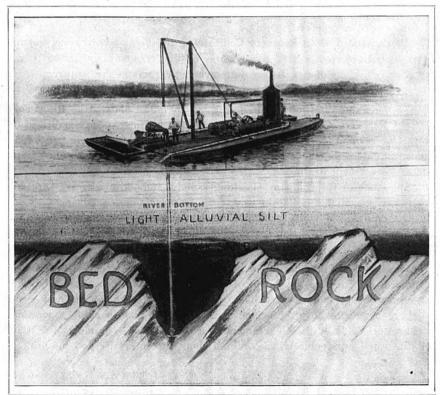


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